

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the examiner has acknowledged that claims 5 and 6 are directed to allowable subject matters.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 5, and claim 6 has been amended in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1. Further, claims 2 and 6 have been amended as indicated by the Examiner, and claims 5 and 9 have been canceled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the pending claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that any issues remain requiring discussion, he is kindly invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve these issues.

Respectfully submitted

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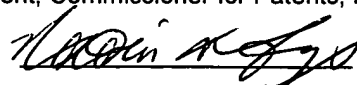
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